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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING  
*of the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
*and the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 23, 2006

**1. Call to order.**

The 307<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Advisory Committee Chairperson Don Robinson at 7:42 p.m. on December 5, 2005 at Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

The 307<sup>th</sup> meeting Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 8:10 p.m. on December 5, 2005 at Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

The Executive Officer administered the Oath of Office to Advisory Committee Member Harry Schwarz, representative of the City of Agoura Hills.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: David Allgood, Ed Begley, Jr., Bryan Cash, Jerome C. Daniel, Jonathan Zasloff, Vice Chairperson, and Elizabeth A. Cheadle, Chairperson. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Linda Parks, Jim Berkus, Woody Smeck, and Ron Schafer.

**3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Dave Brown, Michael Cacciotti, Michael Hurley, Alan Kishbaugh, George Lange, Linda Palmer, Barry Read, Paul Rockenstein, Bruce Saito, Richard Gould, Harry Schwarz, Dennis Seider, Lorraine Slattery, Nancy Stephens, Marc Stirdivant, Rich Toyon, Timothy Wendler, Anthony Portantino, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Caroline Brown, Barry Groveman, Mark Johnson, Roseann Mikos, Liane Weintraub, and Garen Yegparian.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief Ranger; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; Amy Frazier, Executive Secretary, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

**4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.**

The Chair announced that the following legislative participant was present: Louise Rishoff.

**5. Election of Conservancy Officers.**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Elizabeth Cheadle was elected as Chairperson.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Jonathan Zasloff was elected as Vice Chairperson.

**6. Election of Advisory Committee Officers.**

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Don Robinson was elected as Chairperson.

On motion of Mr. Wendler, duly seconded, Anthony Portantino was elected as Vice Chairperson.

**7. Special recognition of former Conservancy member Hal Ross.**

Mr. Ross was not present and therefore this item was postponed to a later date.

**8. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of December 5, 2005 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of December 5, 2005 were approved as submitted.

Mr. Allgood was noted as abstaining.

**9. Reports.**

The Conservancy and the Advisory Committee received a verbal report from the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Stirdivant.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Allgood.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

The Conservancy and the Advisory Committee received a verbal report from the Conservancy Chairperson.

**10. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.**

Comments were made by Mr. Begley.

**11. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.**

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

James Rigley, representing Save Open Space , on item 18.

Richard Gildan, representing the La Crescenta Valley Trails Committee, on item 18.

Beth Diamond, representing the Studio City Residents Association, on matters not on the agenda.

Jeannie Johnson, representing Friends of Wilacre, on matters not on the agenda.

Mary Hubbard, representing Save Open Space, on item 18.

Item 13 was heard next.

**13. Coastal Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Ventura on proposed single family dwelling and associated structures, Deer Creek Canyon.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Malibu on Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 05-004 and Coastal Development Permit Nos. 05-016 and 05-017 for two single family residences and associated structures at 22303 and 22307 Pacific Coast Highway, between Sweetwater Mesa Canyon and Carbon Canyon watersheds.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 06-03 and 06-04.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Allgood, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 06-03 and 06-04 were unanimously adopted.

**12. Consent Calender:**

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the National Park Service on National Park Service Management Policies.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Agoura Hills on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Agoura Village Specific Plan, Agoura Road.**

Item 12(a) was removed from the Consent Calender.

**12(a). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the National Park Service on National Park Service Management Policies.**

Comments were made by the Conservancy Chairperson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-01.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, Resolution No.06-01 was unanimously adopted.

**12(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Agoura Hills on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Agoura Village Specific Plan, Agoura Road.**

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-02.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, Resolution No.06-02 was unanimously adopted.

**14. Quarterly report on Conservancy Bond grants.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Wendler and Toyon.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Toyon.

Comments were made by Mr. Stirdivant and the Chief Deputy Director.

**15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for improvements to Franklin Canyon Park.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Begley.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chief of Facilities and Maintenance.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

Questions were propounded by the Conservancy Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-05.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley , duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-05 was unanimously adopted.

- 16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 grant funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for renovations and restoration of parks operated and maintained by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propound by the Conservancy Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chief of Facilities and Maintenance.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-06.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-06 was unanimously adopted.

- 17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Project Planning and Design services.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Stephens, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-07.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-07 was unanimously adopted.

- 18. Consideration of resolution authorizing the addition of the following projects to the Conservancy's Acquisition Workprogram: Pickens Ridge- Angeles Forest Connector; Soledad-Canyon Angeles Forest West Connector; Topanga Canyon Summit Valley Ed Edelman Park North Addition; Stokes-Canyon King Gillette Connector; Summit Valley-Topanga State Park West Connector; Santa Clara River-Chiquito Canyon Val Verde Open Space, and Deer Lake Highlands lower addition.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Brown.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Wendler.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Wendler.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Cash.

Comments were made the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning and Mr. Gould.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Begley.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-08.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-08 was unanimously adopted.

- 19. Consideration of resolution authorizing adding the following projects to the Conservancy's Workprogram for the Safe Neighborhood Parks Act of 1996 (Proposition A): Pickens Ridge- Angeles Forest Connector; Soledad-Canyon Angeles Forest West Connector; Topanga Canyon Summit Valley Ed Edelman Park North Addition; Stokes-Canyon King Gillette Connector; Summit Valley-Topanga State Park West Connector; Santa Clara River-Chiquito Canyon Val Verde Open Space, and Deer Lake Highlands lower addition.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Mr. Cacciotti and Mr. Read.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-09.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-09 was unanimously adopted.

- 20. Consideration of resolution approving revised Newhall Ranch High Country Recreation and Conservation Authority Joint Powers Agreement.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Conservancy Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-10.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-10 was unanimously adopted.



- 21. Consideration of resolution recommending approval of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's expenditure of funds from the Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund to acquire the following surplus properties totaling approximately 19 acres (APNs 4462-032-903; 4465-003-900 and 901; 4467-002-901; 4471-014-901,902,904, and 4471-016-901) owned by Los Angeles County, unincorporated Malibu Area.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Brown.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Seider.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-11.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-11 was unanimously adopted.

- 22. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: Pending litigation – *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.* and *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al.*; Conference with legal counsel - potential litigation.**

The Chair announced that the Conservancy would hold a closed session at 9:40 p.m. to discuss pending litigation: *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*

The Chair reconvened the open session at 9:51 p.m. and report that instructions had been given to staff regarding pending litigation: *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*

- 23. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

Comments were made by the Conservancy Chairperson.

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The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on February 27, 2006. There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:54 p.m. in honor of Ms. Lesley Devine and Mr. Marvin Braude.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP  
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE  
Chairperson